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**Coordination polymers of Cd<sup>II</sup> and Pb<sup>II</sup> with croconate show remarkable differences in coordination patterns: a structural and spectroscopic study**

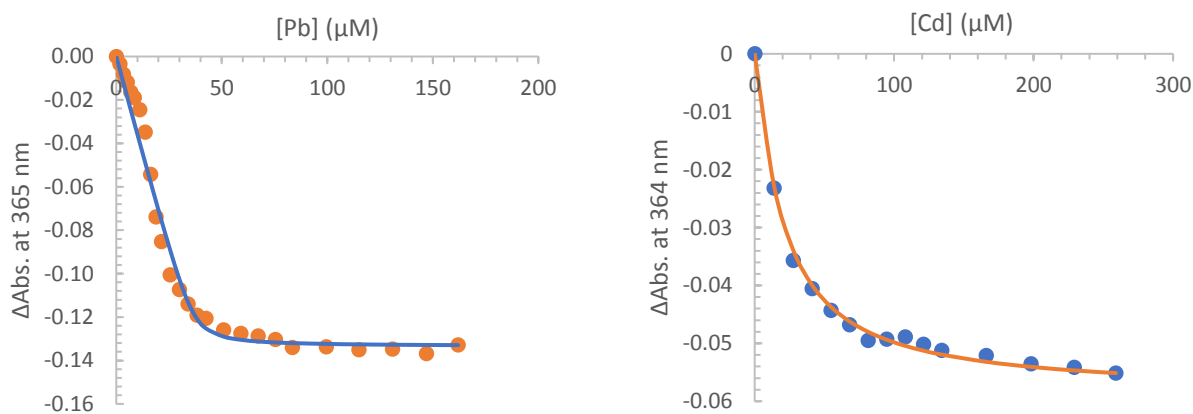
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### 1. UV-Vis titrations:

The binding curves for titrations of  $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_5\text{O}_5$  with  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  or  $\text{Cd}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in 1:1 water:ethanol are shown in Figures S1 and S2. The binding constant for 1-1 complex formation was determined by non-linear regression analysis of the 1-1 binding isotherm. The data were fitted according to the 1-1 binding isotherm (Eq. 1) using non-linear regression methods:

$$\Delta A = A_{\text{obs}} - A_{\text{init}} = -\left(\frac{[\text{R}]_t + [\text{M}]_t + K_{11}^{-1} - \left(\left([\text{R}]_t + [\text{M}]_t + K_{11}^{-1}\right)^2 - 4[\text{M}]_t [\text{R}]_t\right)^{1/2}}{2[\text{R}]_t}\right) \Delta A_{\text{max}} \quad (\text{Eq.1})$$

in which,  $K_{11}$  is the binding constant for 1-1 complex formation,  $[\text{R}]_t$  is the constant concentration of rhodizonate in the solution, and  $[\text{M}]_t$  is the variable concentration of added metal salt.

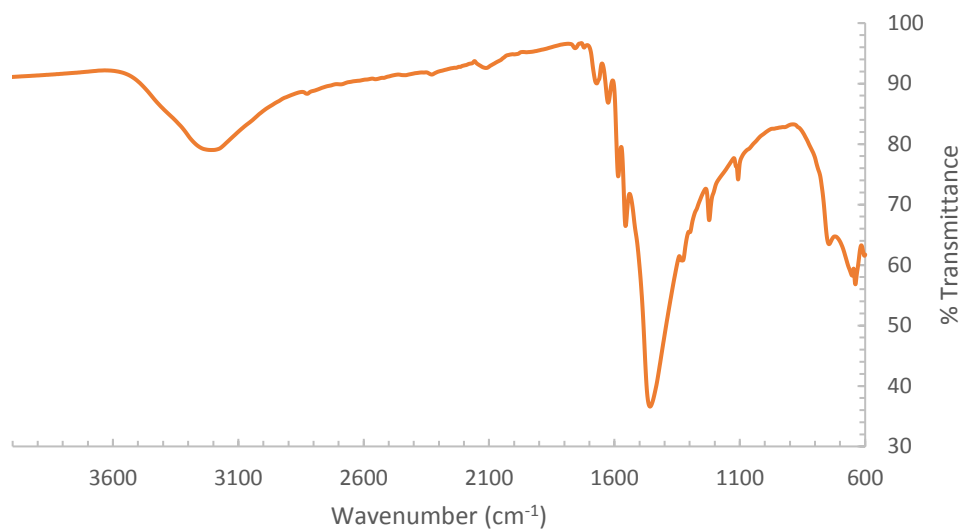


**Figure S1 (left):** Binding curve for the titration of a solution of  $3.66 \times 10^{-5}$  M of  $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_5\text{O}_5$  with solution of  $2.50 \times 10^{-3}$  M of  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  in  $3.66 \times 10^{-5}$  M of  $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_5\text{O}_5$  in 1:1 water:ethanol.  $K_{11} = 1.85 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}$ .

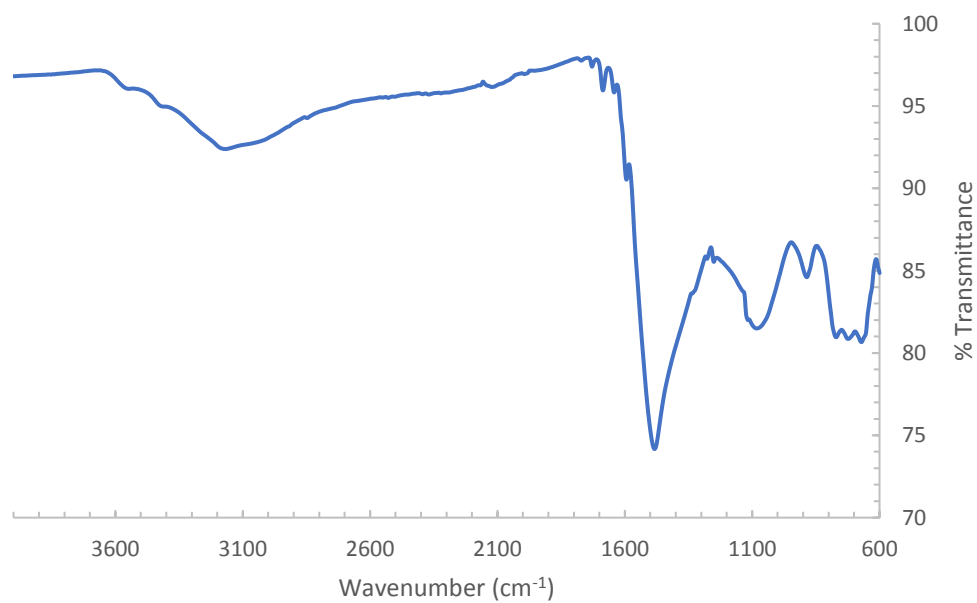
**Figure S2 (right):** Binding curve for the titration of a solution of  $3.12 \times 10^{-5}$  M of  $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_5\text{O}_5$  with  $8.29 \times 10^{-3}$  M of  $\text{Cd}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in  $3.12 \times 10^{-5}$  M of  $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_5\text{O}_5$  in 1:1 water:ethanol.  $K_{11} = 1.30 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$ .

## 2. FT-IR Spectroscopy

The IR spectra for the PbCroc and CdCroc complexes are shown in Figures S3 and S4, respectively.



**Figure S3:** FT-IR spectrum of the PbCroc complex.



**Figure S4:** FT-IR spectrum of the CdCroc complex.